

Meat Message
And Muck Rakers

Notwithstanding his arraignment of the muck-rakers, President Roosevelt seems to be influenced by them, and to find that some of the muck they rake up really ought to be gathered up and sent to the garbage crematory.

His message yesterday was exactly in line with articles that have been appearing in one of the magazines credited with being one of the most confirmed and violent of the muck-rakers.

His message to congress, as it is to be gathered from the cable dispatch, is one urging a system of inspection that will insure as pure meat food for domestic consumption, as the present laws now require for export. The series of articles referred to, contends, in the most positive and assertive way, that while meats intended for export are of a high grade, owing to the federal inspection system, those for domestic use contain not only all the diseased animals that would naturally happen in the animal supply for this purpose, but also all the diseased animals which are rejected from the export portion of the slaughtering, by the federal inspection.

These articles give a very vivid account of the slaughter of lumpy jaw and tuberculosis cattle, and trichina infected hogs. Extensive quotations are made from testimony taken at various times in prosecutions for infraction of local health ordinances, by packers and packing houses. None of the well known houses are spared, and the most startling assertion of orders and directions by these big houses to their employes not to destroy the flesh of these diseased cattle, are made.

These articles also point out that the federal inspection laws have resulted in eliminating all this diseased meat from the export supply, and charge that the diseased meat thus rejected goes in to the domestic supply. This seems to be exactly the line the President takes in his message to congress.

The federal inspection laws of meat for export were passed for the immediate benefit of the packers, and less directly for the benefit of the country's commerce. Some years ago, there was an outcry in European countries, especially in Germany, against American dressed meats. The outcry was very likely started by the meat dealers of those countries, who desired to destroy the competition of American dressed meats. Germany proposed laws to prohibit the importation of American dressed meats on the ground that they were unfit for food because of diseased animals used in their production. The matter became at the time one of the most serious diplomatic problems the United States had to handle.

Eventually the system of federal inspection was adopted which puts the American government's guaranty of freedom from disease, and wholesomeness on every portion of dressed meat exported from the United States.

Even this law did not produce satisfactory results until after a good many charges of corruption of those appointed to administer it had been made and investigated, and some convictions and removals had occurred. It was charged in a great many cases that the packers had bribed, or sought to bribe, the inspectors to certify to the purity of meat which would not legitimately pass the required inspection. Of late years, however, there seems to have been less of this.

It would at least seem reasonable that the dressed meats sold for domestic consumption ought to be of as high a character as those exported for consumption abroad.

England Takes a
Tip From Hawaii

When Hawaii was an independent nation there was always an item in the annual or biennial budget for "State entertainment and Ceremonies." With our reduced station as a territory of the United States, and the plainer and simpler Republicanism of these days, that item has been left out of the appropriations made by the legislature, at least under that name; and now when money is needed for the entertainment of distinguished visitors or anything of that sort, the Planters' Association, the Chamber of Commerce, the Merchants' Association, the Promotion Committee, individuals, or the "hat" are called on to supply the funds.

But perhaps the old Hawaiian way wasn't so bad after all. At least William T. Stead, perhaps the most fecund man on earth in ideas, is proposing the very identical thing to the British Parliament for adoption in Great Britain. He lately announced that he had secured pledges from Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and other government leaders that they will recommend to parliament the establishment of a "national hospitality fund" for the purpose of welcoming and amusing foreign arrivals and sending them home with an enthusiastic opinion of British ways.

Mr. Stead proposes that England shall devote to the entertainment fund annually 1 per cent of the total outlays for the naval and military armaments, averaging about \$300,000. The promoters think that when England has taken the lead in hospitality such a thing as a "stranger in a strange land" will be unknown. Mr. Stead says:

"England made a great hubbub a year ago when the French fleet visited Portsmouth to place the seal on the entente cordiate, but nobody knows that the mayor of Portsmouth had to dig into his own pocket for \$20,000 to defray the expenses. Admiral Togo's veterans were hailed as the nation's guests a month ago, but the bill was footed by a few Japanese trading firms in the city. Shortly the burgomasters of Germany will be the guests of the municipality and now the hat is being passed among the despised German merchants of England to provide a 'characteristic British welcome.'"

Mr. Stead adds that one of the cardinal features of the idea is to give to the arriving foreigners in humble circumstances a welcome and assistance along the lines of the broad democracy of the present regime in England.

The Chronicle
And The Planters

The San Francisco Chronicle in a late issue discussing Lorrin A. Thurston's recent paper before the Social Science Club of Honolulu, on immigration and plantation laborers, says:

"A Honolulu correspondent quotes from a paper on the labor question read before the Social Science Club in that city by Lorrin A. Thurston, a large owner of sugar plantation stock and a member of one of the oldest missionary families, in which radical grounds were taken against the policy which has been in vogue in the islands for over half a century and which still prevails there. The sugar planters of the Territory, since the industry was first started, have relied upon cheap contract labor for the development of their properties and the care and harvesting of their crops. And from the earliest days of the growing of the sugar cane

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there as a commercial commodity the plantation hands have been housed in barracks and worked in gangs after the manner in which the negro plantation hands were treated in the Southern States during the days of slavery. When the native population proved inadequate to supply the needs of the planters, they imported cheap contract laborers from Portugal, China and Japan, and even resorted to "black-birding" in the South Sea islands to recruit the working force on their plantations. Mr. Thurston shows that the policy has failed. The laborers employed have taken no real interest in the soil beyond the small pittance accorded to them as wages under their contracts. The bond has been, consequently, too weak to hold them to their employment. Out of the 184,000 cheap contract laborers imported to the islands since 1852 only 98,000 can be accounted for at the present time. After making allowances for births and deaths, 85,000 of the imported contract laborers are assumed to have left the Territory to seek better conditions elsewhere. "It is now coming home to the Hawaiian planters in a very forcible way that the policy of cheap contract labor for the cultivation of the sugar plantations has been all wrong, and that some stronger bond than any which has hitherto existed must be introduced to hold the workers to the soil. Mr. Thurston recommends small allotments of land and profit-sharing to the plantation laborers as the remedy for the constant shortage of labor which is threatening the island sugar industry. This change of policy might help; but it ought to be self-evident to the planters that the only means of securing permanent plantation hands is to pay them reasonable wages for their work. Cheap contract labor has proved as much of a failure in Hawaii Territory as it has in other countries where it has been tried."

The Hawaiian Planters' Monthly for April has just come from the press. This number contains considerable interesting correspondence, and a large amount of highly valuable technical matter, much of it the result of the scientific experiments conducted at the Planters' Experiment Station.

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Prison guard Frank J. Turk was hurt outside the prison walls. Apparently the safest place for him is inside.

PASTE JEWEL.
(From the New Orleans Picayune.)
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